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AFDROUGHT

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJ: VISIT MINDEF DOUKARA - TRUCKS

REF: BAMAKO 3251/191820Z

1. PER EMBASSY CABLES, AID/W FULLY EXPECTS MINDEF DOUKARA
RAISE QUESTION USG SUPPLY TRUCKS TO GOM FLEET. IN ORDER BE
PREPARED IN ADVANCE, REQUEST EMBASSY RESPOND TO FOLLOWING
QUESTIONS SO THAT ANSWERS ARRIVE AID/W NLT OPENING FOR
BUSINESS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2.

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2. QUESTIONS FOLLOW:

A. IS THERE ANY REASON TO BELIEVE MALI TRUCK NEEDS HAVE CHANGED FROM SITUATION DESCRIBED IN BAMAKO 2678, AUG. 27, WHICH STATED EMBASSY BELIEF DOUKARA WAS TRYING TO REPLENISH ARMY MOTOR POOL USING DROUGHT AS JUSTIFICATION?

B. IS THERE A DEMONSTRATED NEED FOR ADDITIONAL TRUCKS IN GOM FLEET?

C. WHAT TYPE AND HOW MANY OF EACH TRUCK DOES EMBASSY BELIEVE IS NEEDED, WHAT IS DOUKARA EXPECTED TO REQUEST?

D. WHAT USE DO YOU EXPECT ANY TRUCKS HE MIGHT REQUEST WOULD BE PUT TO?

3. EMBASSY REPORTING IN PAST HAS INDICATED NEED FOR ADDITIONAL VEHICLES MAY ALREADY HAVE BEEN MET. CAN YOU

ADVISE US GENERAL EXTENT TO WHICH VARIOUS COMPONENTS OF

CURRENTLY DEADLINED, AND MAGNITUDE OF REPAIRS NEEDED TO GET TRUCKS BACK INTO OPERATION? WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN GIVE ON NUMBER OF OTHER DONOR TRUCKS AND TYPES GIVEN TO GOM IN RECENT MONTHS.

4. IN CONTEXT FEI TASK FORCE, TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU BELIEVE INCREASED CAPACITY GOM TRUCK FLEET WOULD MEET CRITICAL NEED TRANSPORT GRAIN THROUGHOUT COUNTRY, PRIMARILY SIXTH REGION, AND REDUCE NEED FOR AIRLIFT, STORAGE CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVED UTILIZATION RIVER TRANSPORT, ETC.

5. REGRET VERY SHORT DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE. REQUEST EMBASSY RESPOND TO BEST OF ABILITY ON ASAP BASIS, WITH DEADLINE INDICATED PARA 1. DECONTROL 12/31/73. KISSINGER

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